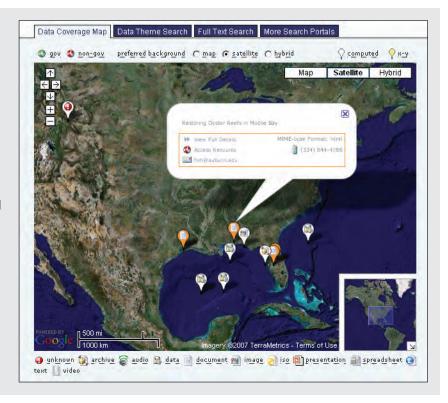


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The goals of the NCDDC REDM efforts are:

- 1) Lead development of a data integration framework to meet IEA requirements;
- 2) Ensure Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) data is compliant with IOOS Data Management and Communications (DMAC) and Global Earth Observation Integrated Data Environment (GEO-IDE) protocols:
- 3) Support pilot IEA activities in several regional ecosystems and/or sub-units to: emphasize data management and communication procedures; assist in the development of appropriate indicators; provide modeling and forecasting tools for understanding ecosystem response.

NCDDC's Semantic Catalog allows the user to search for data by using a Data Coverage Map, a Data Theme Search, or a Full Text Search. This depicted Google Map allows the user to search for data based on relationships between IOOS data and ecosystem coverage concepts. Marker icons are displayed for each record in the set. One can mouse-over the icons to view the IOOS data types represented by the record.



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